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ADOPTS DRAFT RESOLUTION L.89 CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL
FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (IFAD)

REF: A) USUN 6201; B) USUN 6207

1. SUMMARY: AS ITS FINAL ACT OF BUSINESS FOR THE 31ST
GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE SECOND COMMITTEE ON DECEMBER 15
ADOPTED WITHOUT A VOTE THE ORALLY REVISED TEXT OF L.89
THAT IS REPRODUCED BELOW AS PARAGRAPH 5 OF THIS CABLE.
END SUMMARY.

2. AFTER FIRST TAKING THE DECISION TO TRANSFER \$19.88
MILLION FROM THE UN SPECIAL FUND TO IFAD, REPORTED IN REFS A
AND B, THE SECOND COMMITTEE ADOPTED L.89 WITHOUT A VOTE
AS ITS LAST ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR 1976.

3. BECAUSE THE DECISION TO TRANSFER \$19.88 MILLION FROM
THE UN SPECIAL FUND (UNSF) PUT IFAD OVER THE \$1 BILLION
SET AS THE CONDITION FOR THE OPENING OF THE IFAD AGREEMENT
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FOR SIGNAUTRE, NUMEROUS COUNTRIES FELT DRAFT RESOLUTION L.89
WAS ANO LONGER NECESSARY AND SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN. HOWEVER,
IRAN WAS INSISTENT THAT L.89 BE TAKEN UP BY
THE SEOND COMMITTEE. GIVEN THE LATE HOUR OF THE LAST MEETING
OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (7:30 P.M.) NO ONE CHOSE TO RESIST
THE IRAN INITIATIVE ESPECIALLY AS THE TEXT OF L.89

HAD EARLIER BEEN AGREED TO IN INFORMAL MEETINGS.

3. IN INTRODUCING L.89, IRAN RECOMMENDED THE PREVIOUS PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH THREE AND OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH THREE BE DELETED AS THEY WERE "NO LONGER RELEVANT." THE RESOLUTION WAS THEN ADOPTED WITHOUT A VOTE.

4. FOLLOWING ITS ADOPTION, THE FRG DELEGATE IN A BRIEF STATEMENT SAID THAT HIS DELEGATION FOUND THE LAST PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH "NOT SATISFACTORY" BECAUSE THE FRG DID NOT BELIEVE IT WAS APPROPRIATE TO ATTEMPT TO LINK THE COMBINED GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO THE CONTRIBUTIONS THEY PLEDGED TO "ONE PROJECT." THE FRG DELEGATE WENT ON TO MAKE THE POINT THAT WHILE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO IFAD WERE SUBSTANTIALLY LARGE, THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO IFAD WERE SUBSTANTIALLY LARGER.

5. TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION FOLLOWS:

"THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

"RECALLING RESOLUTION XIII OF 16 NOVEMBER 1974 OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE AND ITS RESOLUTIONS 3362 (S-VII) OF 16 SEPTEMBER 1975 AND 3503 (XXX) OF 15 DECEMBER 1975,

"WELCOMING THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED SO FAR ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT,

"NOTING THAT RELATIVE TO THEIR COMBINED GROSS NATIONAL
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PRODUCTS, THE CONTRIBUTIONS PLEDGED BY THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE SUBSTANTIALLY LARGE,

"1. EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION TO ALL GOVERNMENTS THAT HAVE MADE PLEDGES OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUND, ESPECIALLY TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR THEIR PLEDGES OF CONTRIBUTIONS;

"2. EXPRESSES ALSO ITS APPRECIATION TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL FOR THEIR EFFORTS TOWARDS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FUND."
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